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Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on March 24, 1906.

Communicable diseases: Plague, 27 cases, 25 deaths; smallpox, 12 cases, 11 deaths.

Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of March, 1906, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the Insular Territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health Vessels fumigated to kill vermin Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the Quaran-	38 0
tine Regulations:	
(a) Personnel	4, 185
(b) Passengers	894
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
(a) Personnel	2,270
(b) Passengers  Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws controlling immigration:	793
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws controlling immigration:	
Aliens	575
Rejected	120
Baggage:	
(a) Inspected and labeled	2,753
(a) Inspected and labeled(b) Disinfected and labeled	17

Communicable diseases, March, 1906: Plague, 72 cases, 70 deaths; smallpox, 69 cases, 39 deaths.

Rat examination: Examined, 2,726; infected with plague, 175.

Cargo stored (par. 22): Human hair, 20 cases; hides, none; bristles, 85 cases; feathers, none.

The rat examinations are taken to indicate that the human epidemic will not be severe.

## Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Doric* recommended April 10, 1906, for rejection: For Honolulu, 2; for San Francisco, 6; in transit, 13.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox—Cholera reported present in vicinity of Singapore.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, April 18, as follows:

Week ended April 14, 1906. Four supplemental bills of health granted to steamships, and 1 original bill of health to a sailing vessel. Five vessels, 361 crew and 128 steerage passengers, inspected. The effects of 6 crew and the forecastle of 1 vessel were disinfected with sulphur gas, while 4 pieces of steerage baggage were disinfected with formalin, and 7 pieces inspected and passed. Eleven vaccination certificates were issued to persons bound to American ports, and 2 emigrants per steamship *Doric* for San Francisco were inspected and passed. Manifests were viséed for 26,332 pieces of freight.

The municipal health officer reports during the week 1 death from

smallpox among the natives.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.

According to press reports, cholera is prevailing to an alarming extent in the vicinity of Singapore.